crore has so far been released as Central Government's full 75 per cent contribution for the year 1990-91 towards State calamity Relief Fund of Rs 47 crores

Edible oils stock

1037 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption 'Edible Oil Stocks running low' which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 18th December, 1990;

(b) if so, what is at present stock position of edible oils available in the country and whether Government would be able to continue supplies of oil to Public Distribution System or it is likely to be curtailed; and

(c) what quantity of edible oils was imported during 1989 and upto 30th November, 1990 during the current year, separately and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) It is not possible to give the accurate estimates of edible oil stocks in the country i e with trade as well as Government Agencies The allocation of imported edible oils under PDS is made on a month to month basis keeping in view the reasonable demand of the States|UTs, quantum authorised for imports etc The allocation of imported edibfile oils under PDS is meant to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market and not to meet the entire demand of the States|UTs.

(c) 3 66 lakh MTs of edible oils was imported during 1989 and 5 64 lakh MTs was imported during 1990 (upto 30th November, 1990). The quantity of edible oils imported largely depends upon the availability of indigenous edible oils and foreign exchange position

Collaboration with foreign companies for the development of I.T.D C.'s Hotels

1038. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to collaborate with some foreign hotel companies for the development of I.T D C 's Hotels, viz, Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit,

(b) whether Government have received several representations against such proposal,

(c) whether technical know-how available in the country is enough to cope with the development programme of hotel industry and the I T D.C. management is failing to tap these resources,

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to avoid further drainage of foreign exchange resources on such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (SMT USHA SINGH): (a) No, Sir Government have not given their approval to ITDC for collaboration with any Foreign Hotel Company for the development of ITDC's hotels namely Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above

Lack of basic Amenities at Railway Platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa

1039 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa where basic amenities like electricity, water etc have not been provided to passengers so far and

(b) the steps Government propose to take or have taken so far in these two States during the current financial year in this regard and the provision made/proposed in the Eighth Five Year Plan period?